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Preparing For Rain Dance

Fifth graders at Appomattox Elementary School prepare for rain dance during Indian Day at the school. Front row, from left, Mike Shupe, Sherrell Penn and Pam Robertson. Second row, from left, Mary Hutchin, Beverley Coleman, Kelli Puryear and Robert Coleman.

Pamplin Firemen Praised

Sept. 26, 1974

Mr. H. J. St. John, Chief
Pamplin Fire Dept.
Pamplin, Va.
Dear Mr. St John:

We appreciate the services provided by the Pamplin Fire Department on Wed., Sept. 25 The spirit of cooperation and community pride exemplified by members of the Fire Department, provide an excellent example for all of us to follow.

If there is ever a way that we can be of assistance to your fine organization, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Lloyd G. Walton,
Division Superintendent

County Line

The Homecoming is at Central Baptist Church this Sunday, Oct. 6. Hope everyone can come and worship together. Rev. David Bailey will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Walter Jordan and Mrs. Lankford Torrence visited Mrs. Ruth Mann and Mrs. Vernie Jones Monday.

Mrs. Trent (sister of Mr. Walter Jordan, is in the hospital. We hope she'll soon be well.

Mrs. Berkley Mayberry is not so well at this time. Hope she'll soon feel better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Layne and Missy, Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Nash were supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Nash and Windy and Mr. and Mrs. David Carson visited in this home Friday night.

Mrs. Fred Jones visited Mrs. Richard Nash Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash visited Mr. Herman Guill Saturday night.

Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn Kerr spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jennings.

Mrs. Ida Belle Crawley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Mayberry, is in the Baptist Hospital where she underwent surgery on Monday.

Mr. Emery Mullins and Paul, Allen Nash and Ronnie Jones attended the races at Martinsville Sunday.

Mrs. Emery Mullins ate lunch in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Banton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mullins and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mullins and Paul Monday night.

BENEFIT CARNIVAL SLATED

A benefit carnival with the proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Fund will be stated at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hash on Route 604 Saturday, beginning at 12 noon.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, October 6, 1974.
Topic: Through Responsible Leaders
Scripture: 2 Samuel 7

Thou art great, O Lord, for there is none like thee, and there is no God besides thee." 2 Samuel 7:22

Two emphases stand out in this week's International Sunday School lesson: God's choice of David for leadership and God's refusal to allow David to undertake a good and worthy project.

David made so outstanding a king of Israel that we tend to overlook that he was not a likely candidate for the kingship. He was the youngest of a family of eight brothers. The family, while substantial landowners at Bethlehem, was not nationally prominent nor did it number among its ancestors famous leaders or judges. The most notable event in the family heritage was the romance of Boaz with the Moabitess, Ruth, widow of his kinsman; and this story probably receive nationwide circulation until after David became king. Another ancestress was Rahab, the Jericho harlot, who hid the Israelite spies and enabled them to escape.

David's status as the youngest in his family explains why he was left to tend the sheep while the others attended their father Jesse at the sacrifice Samuel offered with the elders of Bethlehem. Although a courageous and h a n d s o m e youth (the great Renaissance artist Michelangelo has portrayed David's youthful beauty in one of the most magnificent sculptures of all time, although admittedly it is an imaginery representation, David was not as imposing in stature as some of his older brothers. From the experience in anointing the young David to be king comes another memorable spiritual insight from Samuel in God's instruction to the prophet, "the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

David's preparation for the kingship was not easy. Students of this lesson should review his career, as the family sheep-herder, as the court musician, as the popular hero after his spectacular killing of the Philistine champion Goliath, and particularly as the fugitive from Saul's jealousy and enmity. Although God had choosen David for leadership and ultimately to be king over Israel, the way to realization of these destinies was by no means smooth. Neither was Moses' preparation. Their experiences, and the experiences of others God has called, show that God does not make the way easy for those He calls to do His work. Such experiences are part of the discipline which goes into the making of a leader.

Every real leader must at times wonder why he was chosen for the role. David was no exception, as is evident from his response to Nathan, when the prophet told him that God denied him the privilege of building a temple. In this response David's humility is evident. A few days ago, in this newspaper column, Dr. A. Purnell Bailey quoted John Ruskin's observation that "the first test of a truly great man is his humility." David recognized that he was God's agent in the world and that God, rather than he, directed his course in life. When he realizes this and accepts it, a person fits himself into the divine purpose and most fully finds himself and his place.

In accepting God's direction, a person accepts the restraints as well as the pressures for action. The Scriptures show that the divine restraint keeps people not only from doing evil but sometimes from doing good. Surely to have preached the gospel in the province of Asia and in Bithynia would have been a good thing to do, but the Holy Spirit forbade Paul and Silas to do so. He wanted them to do this somewhere else. Surely it would have been a good thing to build a temple in Jerusalem, but it was not God's will for David to do it.

God's direction leads to a blend of action and waiting. "They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength," the prophet Isaiah wrote. A later poet, with profound insight into spiritual matters, John Milton, once wrote, "They also serve, who only stand and wait." To say this is not to advocate inactivity in God's service. It is, though, to ask for the exercise of discernment in following the divine will; to work when God wants a task performed, to wait when God directs waiting. One learns to discern only by keeping attuned to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

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The Pastor Speaks

THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST
Philemon 2: 9, 10, 11

A special thanks to the Times Virginian for giving the ministers of the area this opportunity each week.

Someone said, "Isn't it strange that we have so much to make us happy, yet we live such miserable lives. Men still think they can find peace of mind in pills. They try to eat their way to ectesy. They try to drink their way to pleasure. They try to smoke their way to settled nerves. Try to puff their way to popularity, push their way to power, bully their way to friendship, and bomb their way to world peace." But I have come to see that a sick man can get well. An ignorant man can become wise. A bad man can be made good. A good man can be made better, and a dead man can be made alive in Christ Jesus. God is still the Lord of history in fact history is simply his story. If God were to withhold His breath-history would stop happening.

In the 1960's some offbeat theologians emerged and said that God was dead. Now that should not have surprised us because the Bible says, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." This might cause some of us to ask some stupid and senseless questions like: Who Assassinated God? What coroner was called? Who signed His death certificate? Who was so well acquainted with the One pronounced dead, that he could identify the deceased? What obituary column did you find His name? Why was I not notified, I am member of the family? Who preached His funeral and what text was used?

God is a Spirit. He does not died by assassinated. He does not die by denial or by pronouncement. He is as real today as He was with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

In closing, this part of the series, it is well for us to remember. "That every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:1).

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"COME UNTO ME" . . . Matthew 11:28

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From the first moment of your spiritual life until he ushered into glory, the language of Christ to you is "Come, come unto Me." As a mother puts out her fingers to her little child and woos it to walk by saying, "Come," even so Jesus. He will always be ahead of you, bidding you follow; as the soldier follows his captain. He will always go before to pave your way, and clear your path, and you shall hear a voice calling you after Him all through life; while in the hour of death, His sweet words with which He shall usher you into the heavenly world shall be . . . "Come, you blessed of My Father."

No, further, this is not only Christ's cry to you, but, if you are a believer, this is your cry to Christ . . . "Come! come!" You are longing for His second coming; you will be saying, more quickly, even so come Lord Jesus." You will be passionately nearer and closer communion with Him. As His voice calls, "Come," your response to Him will be, "Come, Lord, and dwell with me. Come, and occupy alone the throne of my heart. Come, be without a rival, and consecrate me entirely to your service."

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